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In re the Application of:

Eric J. Stotzer, et al.

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For:

Methods and Apparatus for Reducing the Size of Code With an Exposed Pipeline

by Encoding NOP Operations as Instruction Operands

EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents

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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), Applicants respectfully petitions for an extension of the shortened statutory period for response by two months in the above-identified Application from January 1, 2004 to March 1, 2004.

The fee for this two-month extension is \$420.00. Please charge this fee to Texas Instruments Incorporated, Deposit Account No. 20-0668. Any further necessary extension of time is hereby requested. Please charge any and all necessary fees to said deposit account. **This form is**

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